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1. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE HUNTING BAN APPEARED AS A SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT TO THE KENYA GAZETTE ON MAY 20TH. THE NOTICE WAS ENTITLED, THE WILDLIFE (CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT) (PROHIBITION ON HUNTING OF GAME ANIMALS, REGULATIONS, 1977. IT PROVIDES THAT QUOTE HUNTING OF GAME ANIMALS IS HEREBY PROHIBITED. ALL CURRENT HUNTING LICENCES ARE HEREBY CANCELLED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT. UNQUOTE

2. THE LEGISLATION EMPOWERING SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT DEFINES THE TERM HUNT TO INCLUDE CAPTURE. THE TERM GAME ANIMAL INCLUDES MONKEYS OF THE TYPES, BLACK AND WHITE COLOBUS, BLUE OR SYKE'S, PUTTY-NOSED AND VERVET. MONKEYS OF THE TYPES; DE BRAZZA'S, MANGABBE, AND RED OR PATAS, WHERE ALREADY CATEGORIZED AS PROTECTED ANIMALS. BABOONS (COMMONLY CONSIDERED A NUISANCE) ARE NOT MENTIONED AS GAME OR PROTECTED ANIMALS, ALTHOUGH SOME OFFICIALS ARE INTERPRETING THE NEW BAN AS APPLYING TO VIRTUALLY ALL WILD ANIMAL.

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3. ACCORDING TO LAW, THEREFORE, THE CAPTURE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF MONKEYS, IF NOT BABOONS, IS PROHIBITED. WHAT TYPES OF EXCEPTIONAL TREATMENT WILL BE ALLOWED IS STILL UNCERTAIN. THE GENERAL TENDENCY IS TO MAKE JUDGEMENTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS, WITHOUT PRE-STATING THE DECISION CRITERIA. THE BEST INDICATOR OF APPLICATION WILL PROBABLY BE THE ACTUAL EXPERIENCES

OF APPLICANTS FOR EXCEPTIONAL STATUS.THE ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR(COMMERCIAL), WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND
MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND WILDLIFE,
HAS INSTRUCTED AT LEAST ONE EXPORTER OF MONKEYS TO
SUBMIT A DOCUMENTED REQUEST FOR EXCEPTIONAL CONSIDERA-
TIONBUT WITHOUT DISCLOSING ANY OPINION AS TO ITS SUCCESS.

4. THE EMB WILL MONITERSUCHCASES AND REPORT APPLICATION
OF THE NEW BAN TO THE CAPTURE AND EXPORT OF PRIMATES
FOR BIOMEDICAL USE AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
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